

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **10 October 2006**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-30. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the title of the invention should not be in the same page as the abstract. Claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-13, 15, 16, 20-23, 25, 26 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ellison et al. (USPN 6,487,547 hereinafter "Ellison"). Claims 4, 14, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellison, in view of Nilsen et al. (USPN 5,606,693 hereinafter "Nilsen"). Claims 7, 8, 17, 18, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellison, in view of Lei et al. (USPN 6,487,552 hereinafter "Lei").

Objections to the Specification

Examiner objected to the specification because the title of the invention should not be on the same page as the abstract. Applicant has removed the title from the abstract page.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 11-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Specifically, Examiner objects to the computer readable storage medium being defined as including "instruction signals embodied in a transmission medium." Applicant has amended the specification to remove the offending definition.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 7, 17, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellison, in view of Lei. Examiner states that while Ellison does not explicitly disclose querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the user; receiving the user profile from the directory server; and allocating resources based on parameters of the profile, Lei teaches a database system that includes an attribute setting mechanism that selectively restricts access to the attributes based on a policy, when the system is queried for a policy it returns parameters based on that policy.

Applicant respectfully points out that neither Ellison, nor Lei, nor any combination thereof, teach the element of determining if the user is an enterprise user. Ellison teaches a method for centralized installation and configuration of database appliances and Lei teaches a system for fine-grained access control based upon policies. Under the teachings of Lei, if a user tried to access the database, and was not a local user (hence, no user currently exists within the local database), and the database was previously auto-configured as taught by Ellison, someone with ordinary skill in the art would reasonably conclude that the request would be rejected because the system would be unaware that the user could be an enterprise user. In contrast, the present invention checks to see if the user is an enterprise user, and if so, reconfigures the database to allow access to the enterprise user according to the enterprise user's profile.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21, to include the subject matter of dependent claims 7, 17, and 27, respectively. Applicant has cancelled claims 7, 17, and 27 without prejudice. Applicant has also amended dependent claims 8, 18, and 28 to correctly identify the claims on which they depend, because they previously depended upon cancelled claims 7, 17, and 27.


Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-6 and 8-10, which depend upon claim 1, claims 12-16 and 18-20,

which depend upon claim 11, and claims 22-26 and 28-30 which depend upon claim 21, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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